

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 6:33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51:1-12 (p. 804)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN THE PROPHET NATHAN CAME TO HIM AFTER HE HAD GONE TO BATHSHEBA.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we marvel at the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We were your enemies, living in stubborn opposition to your Word, yet you loved us, pursued us, and brought us into your family.

All: We confess that despite the grace we have received in Jesus Christ, we have sinned against you and others with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to honor you and give you the thanks and praise you alone deserve.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant that as we hear your assurance of pardon, we would accept, receive, and rest on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.

All: We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading

Genesis 1:26 - 2:3

Congregational Response

Hymn 122

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology

Hymn 732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading

Psalm 14

Congregational Response

Hymn 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“Sin and Separation: A Savior Needed”
Genesis 3

Pastor Clayton Willis

1. In the Beginning
Genesis 1 - 2
2. Curse and Punishment
Genesis 3:14-19
3. The Long Wait
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 194

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

Benediction

Congregational Benediction Response

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-5

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

All: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Hymn 197

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our God and Father, we thank you for the mercy and grace you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of his once-for-all atonement for our sins, we may now approach you with confidence and joy as your children. We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and restore us to fellowship with you, that we may walk in the full assurance of your promises and in the freedom of knowing that you care for us. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Hymn

“Jesus, I Live to Thee” Hymn 516

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90

Hymn

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Hymn 647

Prayer

Sermon

“Life Is Short; Heaven Is Forever”
Psalm 90

Pastor Ben Muresan

Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” Hymn 198

Benediction

Congregational Benediction Response

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

Monday, November 30

Scripture: Daniel 7:1-28; 1 John 1:1-10; Psalm 119:153-176; Proverbs 28:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 31

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, December 1

Scripture: Daniel 8:1-27; 1 John 2:1-17; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 28:25-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 57

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, December 2

Scripture: Daniel 9:1 - 11:1; 1 John 2:18 - 3:6; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 28:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 58

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in Andorra and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, December 3

Scripture: Daniel 11:2-35; 1 John 3:7-24; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 29:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 59

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, December 4

Scripture: Daniel 11:36 - 12:13; 1 John 4:1-21; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 29:2-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, December 5

Scripture: Hosea 1:1 - 3:5; 1 John 5:1-21; Psalm 124:1-8; Proverbs 29:5-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, December 6

Scripture: Hosea 4:1 - 5:15; 2 John 1:1-13; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 29:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain
and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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